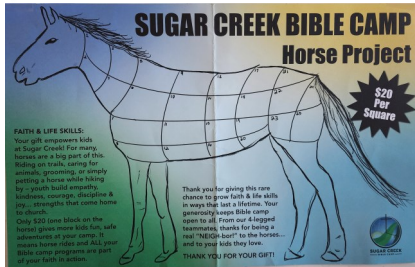




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608-734-3113 office@sgrcreek.org
SugarCreekBibleCamp.org



At Sugar Creek, horses are a big part of the camping experience. Christian values are taught in lasting ways through the uniquely powerful, hands-on experience of trust, empathy, humility, courage, self-discipline, leadership, and fun.

The “Horse Project” Fundraiser makes this possible. Trail rides, wagon tours, horse camping on the bluff, or even petting our friendly horses at the fence—these are awesome traditions.

On the horse poster in the Narthex, write your name in a square for each \$20 donation. Please mark your donation “Horse Project.”

January

- 14 Winter Fun Day
- 18 Fireside Bus Trip "Jersey Boys" the musical

February

- 2-3 HS Youth Retreat
- 4 Winter Fun Day
- 8-11 Winter Craft Retreat
- 18 Annual Meeting

March

- 15-16 Confirmation Youth Retreat
- 30 Easter Brunch

April

- 8 Yesterday's Youth
- 20 ES Youth Retreat

May

- 3-5 Volunteer Work Weekend

PASTOR'S PAGE

JANUARY 2024

December 21 was the shortest day of the year with the least amount of daylight. Now, on the other side of December 21, we are getting a bit more of daylight each day.

I'm eager for longer days, for eating supper in daylight and going for a post-supper walk in the light too. I'm grateful for more daylight each day, but I don't want to dismiss or diminish the gifts of darkness in my eagerness for more daylight.

A children's book I got last year called *God's Holy Darkness* illustrates many stories of the Bible where God is present in the midst of darkness. A few examples highlighted by the book:

Genesis 1 describes how it was in the darkness that God brought creation into being.

In Genesis 15 God invites Abraham to look up into the darkness of the sky and see the stars. God calls Abraham to trust God's promises that Abraham's descendants will number as many as the stars in the sky.

In 1 Samuel 3 it was in the dark of night that Samuel heard God calling him to be a prophet that would proclaim God's message to the world.

Luke 2 tells the story of the shepherds who were caring for their sheep at night when the angels appeared to tell them that Jesus has been born and invited the shepherds to be the first ones to see Jesus.

How the book highlights these Bible stories is a reminder to me of the gifts and goodness of darkness. When the short days of winter feel exhausting may we remember the hope and good news of these Bible stories that take place in the midst of darkness. May they inspire us to look at the darkness and the night sky and remember that God is at work here too.

Peace of Christ,
Pastor Emma



Pastoral Care

Pastor Emma Grinde
Phone number: 515-203-1915
Email: pastoremmagrinde@gmail.com

Pastor Emma's hours in her church office are:
Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 9:00am –3:00pm
Tuesdays, Noon - 3:00pm
Fridays are Pastor Emma's day off.

Please call Mona to set up a time and/or to make sure Pastor Emma isn't out visiting another member.

Notice of ANNUAL MEETING

at
LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH
on
SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024,
FOLLOWING 10:00AM WORSHIP.

Please note that the January 28 worship times will switch. Mindoro will be at 8:30am and Lewis Valley will be at 10:00am on January 28.

Notice of ANNUAL MEETING

at
MINDORO LUTHERAN CHURCH
on
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024,
FOLLOWING 10:00AM WORSHIP.

"CANCELLATION OF CHURCH SERVICES" POLICY

1. *If you question whether church has been cancelled or not, call the church office (857-3474) and the recording on the machine will let you know if services have been cancelled.*

CHECK BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME!

2. It will be on Facebook
3. Check 99.7 radio station
4. People scheduled to help with worship will be called.

The Melrose-Mindoro Schools Community Cares Team has been working on clothing students for the winter weather. If you have any gently used boots, snow pants, or waterproof gloves/mittens taking up room at your house that you would like to get rid of, please consider donating them to us. All donations can be brought to the elementary office (or to LV or MLC and Mona will take them to the school).

YOU ARE INVITED!

The Heider Center for the Arts—Art Gallery in West Salem has offered members of the La Crosse Area Camera Club an opportunity to exhibit their photography. The exhibit will feature a wide variety of subject material in frames, canvas, metal, and glass. Doyle & Shirley Gates, their daughter Julie, and grandson Brandon are among the exhibitors. The exhibit will be open from 1:30pm-4:00pm Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays until January 12, 2024.

The Synod School of Theology

. . . is designed to nurture and strengthen you in your journey of discipleship. As you participate in this ministry you can expect to:

- **Deepen** your knowledge of theology and the Bible
- **Develop** your spirituality

Discern your baptismal vocation

Anyone is welcome to join in the classes regardless of education level and background. Most classes are taught virtually, some are taught in person. See below for more information about the School, its curriculum and how to register for classes.

A unique opportunity for adult faith formation

SEEMORE

☺ I hope that you had a Blessed Christmas and have a Happy & Safe New Year!


☺ Mona has loaded this newsletter with pictures too! If you get a chance go online - either to the E-News in your email or to the churches' website - you'll be able to see the pictures in color.

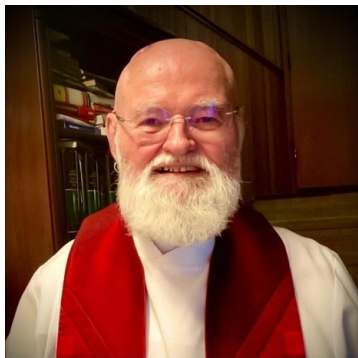
☺ I sat to have an artist draw my portrait a while back - and Mona received two Christmas cards with my portrait in them. I sure hope Hallmark sends me a royalty check!

☺ The Sunday School kids did a great job at their Christmas Program. They even ate cookies up at the front of the church!!! Thank you for all the crumbs left; they were most delicious. AND, then in the Narthex, there were more crumbs from the coffee fellowship! I was full by the time I made it to the Narthex so I cleaned up that area on Monday. (I sure am glad that Cheri doesn't come in until Tuesday.)



☺ The Christmas worship services were beautiful as always; no food for me at those services so I snuck across the street to Mary K's.

☺ Lunch on Jan 28 and Feb 4 - oops, I mean Annual Meetings are coming up on those dates.  *Seemore, the Church Mouse*



Pastor Paul Johnson, who was our pastor from 1974-1981, passed away on December 13, 2023. Please keep his family in your prayers.

If you would like to send a card, please send it to Pastor Paul's home address of 3919 Muskogee Ave, Des Moines, IA 50312, or to the Plymouth Church, 4126 Ingersoll Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50312.

Retired Pastor Jean Kloss, who was an interim pastor here at Lewis Valley & Mindoro in 1996-1997, passed away December 13, 2023. Please keep her family in your prayers.

If you would like to send a card, please send it to Transfiguration Lutheran Church, 11000 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431.



Synod School of Theology Winter 2024 Classes

JAN 18 & 25 & FEB 1 & 8; Thursday nights on Zoom

Times: 5:30 – 6:50 / 7:00 -8:20

Cost: \$35 for one class / \$60 for both classes

Register by contacting the Synod office at Office@lacrosseareasynd.org or 608-788-5000.

Becoming a Better Listener

Presenter: Pr Nile Sandeen

Dynamics of preaching for non-preachers. What should be the listener's criteria for a good sermon? This course explores preaching not for the purpose of learning to preach but for the vocation of listening. It aims to help the student understand the dynamics of preaching to empower the congregant in partnering with the preacher to make a more effective sermon.

What the Hell?

Presenter: Pr. Libby Howe

An exploration of hell, what it is & isn't and how it is talked about in the Bible. The spectrum of how Lutherans think about it. Historical literary and religious thought that informs our contemporary conceptions of it. And its social function related to the human need for justice for unrighted wrongs and unhealed wounds.

**COUNCILS MEET MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024.
6:30PM JOINT COUNCIL AT LEWIS VALLEY
MINDORO & LEWIS VALLEY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING JOINT**

Men's Breakfast
Join us at Top Dawg's,
Downtown Mindoro
Monday, January 8, 2024, 8:00am



Thank you to all the individuals who have been a lector in 2023. It is so delightful having many individuals add their voice to the church service. I appreciate all of you being willing to lector. If I have missed any anyone (male/female) who would like lector, please let me know.

Gratefully,

Mary Kastenschmidt

608-857-3146 or 608-317-1718

COMMITTEES/TEAMS AT LEWIS VALLEY AND MINDORO

CHURCH COUNCILS: LV - President Jason Knipe, VP Carol Taylor, Secretary Jenna Euler, Rich Anderson, Jane Brockway, Sharon Pfaff, Brenda Severson;
MLC - President Sandy Stetzer, VP Rick Dobbs, Secretary Kim Schlifer, Marlane Anderson, Shirley Gates, Lara Hines, Debbie Peterson, Debbie Salek, Cindy Tracey

EDUCATION: Chairperson Heather Young, Nikki Christopherson, Lara Hines, Rita Holley, Jason Knipe, Betty Pfaff, Kim Schlifer

FINANCE: LV - Jodi Anderson, Jason Knipe, Karen Knutson, Becky Whalen,
MLC - Jodi Anderson, Heather Koss, John McRae, Sandy Stetzer, Faith Storandt

PARSONAGE: Barb Anderson, Joe Paisley, Kay Pfaff, Rich Sinclair, Steve Timm,
ONE Lewis Valley member needed

PROPERTY: MLC: Charlie Glennie, David Kastenschmidt, Rich Sinclair; LV: Barb Anderson, John Endris, Steve Timm

STAFF SUPPORT: Chairperson Mary Kastenschmidt, Alice Baumer, Jenna Euler,
Jason Knipe, Mary Sinclair, Carol Taylor

STEWARDSHIP: Chairperson Jim Hines, Rita Cox, Jason Knipe, Debbie Peterson,
TWO Lewis Valley members needed

WORSHIP: Barb Anderson, Ivy Endris, Debbie Peterson, Sharon Pfaff, Sonja Steele,
Ginny Wegner; **TWO Mindoro members needed**

Newsletter information is due to the church office by the 20th of each month; so for the February 2024 newsletter, information is due by January 20, 2024.

Thank you,
Mona

Please see the quilting announcement below.
This is a correction to the information on the calendar:



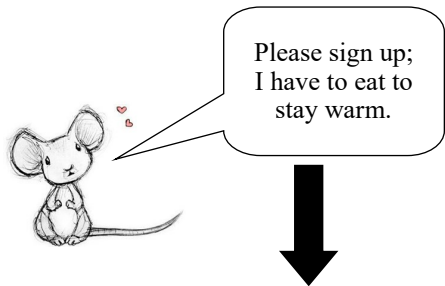
QUILTING AT MINDORO LUTHERAN

Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Starting on January 15th.

All are welcome! No experience is necessary!

Thank you to all of you who either bought a wreath, sold wreaths or did both. Mindoro Lutheran & Lewis Valley sold 130 wreaths. The profit from the wreaths benefited a family of 8 from La Crosse County. Confirmation students along with Pastor Emma and Jason Knipe shopped for the family. Items on their wish list included winter jackets, winter boots, bed sheets, sweatshirts, and jeans. Thank you for your continued support of buying wreaths. ~Jodi



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT MINDORO LUTHERAN



If you would like to volunteer, there is a clipboard with a sign up sheet in the Narthex; or call the church office..
Volunteers are needed for all of January, February 11 & 25, and all of March.

LIVE IN CONCERT
GRAMMY AWARD WINNING MUSICIAN BILL MILLER

Saturday, January 6, 2024, 7:00pm

Journey Lutheran Church
2703 Sand Lake Road, Onalaska

Free will donation



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration

Monday, January 15, 2024, 7:00pm

Viterbo University, Fine Arts Center, Main Theatre and live on Facebook

Our Noisy Offering on 01/21/2024, will go to Cavalier Cupboard - the food pantry at Western Technical College in La Crosse.

About the Cavalier Cupboard:

The SPACE (Student Success Center) staff oversees the Cavalier Cupboard. This food pantry is designed to meet the immediate food needs of Western students by providing them with access to perishable and non-perishable food items, hygiene items, school items, diapers, and information on local resources.

This service is open to all Western students with a valid student ID. Students are able to choose their own products each visit based on their household size and needs. We encourage individuals to take enough items to cover one week for their household.

It is our mission to meet the immediate food needs of the Western students. We will accept any donations at this time; however, we are hoping to provide healthy and nutritional food items to our clients.

Mini Cavalier Cupboards are located at WTC's:
Black River Falls Regional Location in their resource room.
Tomah Regional Location in their student lobby.
Diesel and Heavy Equipment Center is in their student lounge.
All of these mini cupboards are self-sustaining.

The Cavalier Cupboard is affiliated with the Hunger Task Force of La Crosse.

LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Team Reports

- Finance Committee: A preliminary budget was developed by Jodi and the finance committee in November. The council reviewed the preliminary budget with Jodi. Final review and approval will be done at the January 2024 meeting.

- Property (Church): Pastor Emma was approached about our parking lot needing holes filled, sealing and repainting. Plan is to bring to church property committee and revisit in the spring.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Congregational support for candidacy for Jason Knipe: Jason entered candidacy through the La Crosse Synod. A psychological evaluation is part of candidacy, and the Synod asks the congregation to pay for the evaluation.

Carol made a motion to pay using funds from the undesigned memorial fund to pay for the evaluation (around \$700); Sharon seconded the motion; MMSP.

- Landscaping Bill: When landscaping was approved in July 2022, the council at that time did not specify payment from any certain account. The total is \$3753.89 and needs to be paid.

Sharon made a motion to split the payment using funds from the golden money market and undesignated memorial fund; Carol seconded the motion; MMSP.

- Communion Helpers: 1/7/24: Brenda; 1/21/23: Carol

Respectfully submitted,
Jenna Euler
Council Secretary
Lewis Valley Lutheran Church

(Pending approval at 1/8/24 meeting)

Wrapping Paper Needed

When the confirmation students wrapped gifts for the family in La Crosse County that we sponsored for Christmas, we used up most of the wrapping paper supplies the church had. If you have extra wrapping paper, tissue paper, and holiday gift bags - or you see some deals and want to purchase some - you can drop them at the church office for use for 2024 and future years.

Noisy Offering on December 17, 2023.

Noisy Offering was collected for Children's Vision International. \$57.39 was collected at Lewis Valley and \$57.00 was collected at Mindoro, totaling \$114.39.

The Noisy Offering on January 21, 2024, will go to Cavalier Cupboard - WTC's food pantry for their students in need.



Above and Below: Noisy Offering on 12/17/2023.





On 11/29/2023, the Confirmation students wrapped the gifts they purchased for the family of 8 in need in La Crosse County.

Instead of asking for toys, the six children in this family asked for coats, warm gloves & mittens, boots, snowpants, and sheets, blankets, & pillows for their beds. The parents asked for child friendly space heaters.

Thank you for purchasing wreaths so the students could purchase these essential gifts.

Delegation La Crosse Synod to sister synod, Iglesia Synod in Peru

The La Crosse ELCA Synod has over 70 congregations walking together in their faith. They are partnered with all of the ELCA synods in the United States. In addition, the La Crosse Synod has sister synods in the world, Peru and Czech Republic are two of the sister synods. In the summer of 2024, there is a selected delegation set to travel to the Iglesia Synod in Peru to connect and walk in encouragement with their faith journey, mainly bases in Lima. They have struggled due to political unrest and economic challenges. Their pastors work full time in other jobs and carry on their ministry when they are able to.



I was fortunate to be selected as part of the delegation. The trip was supposed to be in July of 2023, but safety concerns in the country led to a postponement. We have had several group meetings at the synod office since 2022 to learn more about Peru and their challenges.

Please consider donating to this cause; any money donated will be sent to the La Crosse Synod to go towards support in Peru and some travel costs incurred by the delegation. Participants will also contribute to the costs of the trip.

In Christ,
Sharon Pfaff
Lewis Valley Member and Parish Organist

(If making a donation, you can give the check to Sharon, send it to the church office with "Peru" written on the memo line, or send it directly to the La Crosse Synod office with a note saying it is for the 2024 trip to Peru.)

JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED

Stewardship: will meet in January 2024

Worship: Sharon reported that they met a couple weeks ago.

Other Joint Business

The office copier lease ends on 02/28/2024; Mona will get quotes to bring to the January meeting.

Debbie Peterson made a motion to spend up to \$250 from the Equipment Replacement Fund when Pastor's printer needs to be replaced; Sharon seconded; MMSP.

Noisy Offering on 02/18/2024, will go to the Synod for expenses of the Peru trip that Sharon will be going on.

The next council meeting will be on 01/08/2024, at Lewis Valley at 6:30pm.

Adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mona Van Riper, Lewis Valley & Mindoro Parish Administrative Assistant

(pending approval at the 01/08/2023 meeting)

MINDORO COUNCIL MINUTES

MINDORO LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
December 11, 2023

Mindoro Lutheran council did not have a quorum, so no meeting was held.

LEWIS VALLEY COUNCIL MINUTES

LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL
December 11, 2023

In Attendance: Jane Brockway, Jenna Euler, Jason Knipe Sharon Pfaff, Brenda Severson, Carol Taylor

Absent: Rich Anderson

Called to Order at 7:25 PM by Jason Knipe, Council President

Agenda Approval: Jenna moved to approve agenda with additions; Brenda seconded; MMSP.

Secretary's Report: Sharon moved to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes with corrections; Carol seconded; MMSP.

Treasurer's Report: We were ahead in giving for November. Jenna moved to approve the treasurer's report; Carol seconded; MMSP.

President's Report: No report

JOINT COUNCIL MINUTES

JOINT COUNCIL MEETING
MINDORO AND LEWIS VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCHES
December 11, 2023, at Mindoro Lutheran

In Attendance: Pastor Emma Grinde, Jodi Anderson, Marlane Anderson, Jane Brockway, Jenna Euler, Jason Knipe, Debbie Peterson, Sharon Pfaff, Debbie Salek, Brenda Severson, Sandy Stetzer, Carol Taylor

Absent: Rich Anderson, Rick Dobbs, Shirley Gates, Lara Hines, Kim Schlifer, Sandy Stetzer, Cindy Tracey

Call to order by Lewis Valley's President Jason Knipe at 6:33pm.

Devotions Pastor Emma read the devotion that Sandy Stetzer prepared.

Devotions next month by Debbie Peterson.

Approval of Agenda MMSP with motion by Sharon, seconded by Brenda.

Approval of Minutes MMSP with motion by Debbie Peterson, seconded by Carol.

Pastor's Report:

November 19, 2023, was the Holmen area ELCA Thanksgiving Service at Journey Lutheran. About 60 people attended, including four from Lewis Valley and Pastor. Jodi, Pastor, and the joint Finance Teams met to go over the budget to bring to councils for approvals; this will be done at the January meetings.

Pastor is getting ready for Advent and Christmas.

The confirmation students spent \$800 on Amazon for the county family. This was money raised from selling the wreaths.

Wednesday Advent Suppers & Worshipers started on 12/06/2023. Only 16 people were in attendance; is a lower amount than last year.

TEAM REPORTS

Education: Sunday School is preparing for their Christmas Program. They'll have a dress rehearsal on Saturday and the program this Sunday. Wrapping paper is needed for next year's confirmation gift wrapping.

Finance: Joint Finance Team met in November and then the individual Finance Teams met to work on each congregation's budget. Jodi and Pastor Emma shared with the council about proposed budget changes that would impact both congregation's budgets: 1. changes in Pastor Emma's compensation after she gets married in April 2024 related to insurance and housing allowance since Pastor will go off Portico insurance and be moving out of the parsonage. 2. Pay raises for 2 staff members, as recommended by the Staff Support and Finance Teams. 3. Compensation for Jason Knipe doing some additional ministry tasks, to support his pastoral learning as he prepares to start seminary and to support the ministry of our congregations.

Property (Parsonage): In January, the Parsonage Team will do a walk-through and make plans to do any house and yard maintenance that is needed.

Staff Support: will meet in February 2024

PICTURES, PICTURES, AND MORE PICTURES ☺



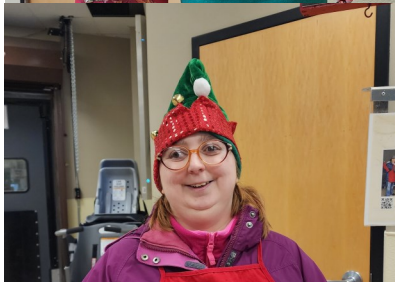
On Mission Fest & All Saints Sunday, 11/05/2023, Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Dione Stepanek was our guest speaker/pastor. Here are pictures of the Children's Message, All Saints candles, and Pastor Dione leading worship.



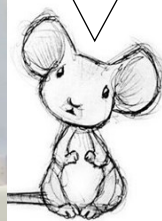
Left and Below: Special music at Lewis Valley and the Children's Message at Lewis Valley for Mission Fest and All Saints Sunday, 11/05/2023



Below: Members of Mindoro & Lewis Valley rang bells for the Salvation Army at the Holmen Festival on 11/25.



I love being in church on Christmas to celebrate Jesus's birth and to see all the families.



Pages 20 & 21:
Christmas Eve and Christmas Day at Mindoro & Lewis Valley.



Ivy Endris and
Sonja Steele
went to Bible
Study at Peace
Lutheran, our
Living Faith
partnership
church, in Tomah
on 11/06/2023.



On 11/05/2023, the Sunday School students worked on their star ornaments for the Christmas Program on 12/17/2023.



Below: On 11/07/2023, a couple of the Lewis Valley quilters with their loves, took quilts to the Chippewa Falls VA Home.



Sideways Below:
The Children's
Message on
11/12/2023.



Below, on 11/12/2023, Jonathan Young received his 3rd grade Bible.



THANK YOU

MINDORO LUTHERAN MEMORIALS:

In Memory of Pastor Paul Johnson to the Building Fund from Cindy Tracey.

In Memory of Pastor Paul Johnson from Rusty & Bernice Opland.

In Memory of Pastor Paul Johnson to the AV Fund from Mike & Karen Hauser.



Thank you for all the "Merry Christmas" wishes, cards, treats, and gifts this Christmas season.

May the Blessing of Our Savior's birth be with you all year,
~ Mona

P.S. Thank you also for the birthday wishes, cards, and gifts. ☺

To the Mindoro WELCA Women who gave me Christmas gifts, thank you and season's greetings. -from Grace Kastenschmidt

Mindoro WELCA,

Thank you so very much for the wonderful gift basket. I enjoyed all the cute items you gave me. Thanks for remembering me. ~Sandy Skoy



Below: On 12/07/2023, Rich Anderson and Jerome Nelson put up the Nativity set at Lewis Valley. It was so nice out, that after setting it up, they decided to relax a while in the sunshine.



Above: Lighting of the 3rd
Sunday of Advent candle on
12/17/2023.

IN OUR PRAYERS

PRAYED FOR IN DECEMBER: Lisa Adams as she recovers from back surgery; Cathy Gabrielson's brother-in-law Gene Amann; Louie Christopherson; Rick Dobb's brother Mike Dobbs; Lori Ernstes; Scott & Joan Schmidt's sister Susan Schmidt Glenna; Emma Goodenough; Josie Growth as she recovers from surgery; Dennis Anderson and Mary Sinclair's sister Lori Hudson; Mary Kastenschmidt; Bob Kean at the Mindoro Post Office as he recovers after surgery; Don Koss's son Brian Koss; Katrina Wharton's friend Ila Krueger; Jack & Diane Glennie's son-in-law & daughter Jim & Paula Maki; Diana Mikkelsen; Sharon Monicken as she recovers from a broken hip and arm; Shirley Olson; Rusty Opland; David Pfaff as he recovers from knee replacement surgery; Mary Christina Pfaff; Dustin & Jodi Anderson's brother-in-law Christopher Phillips; John & Dawn Pierce & family; Scott & Joan Schmidt's father John Schmidt; Nick Sinotte's dad Brian Sinotte; Kay Timm's niece Emily & her husband Matt Skotak & family; Nancy Spangler; Gary "Jingles" Stetzer; Ron & Mary Phillip's daughter Laurie Strano; Sam Tracey; Russell Van Riper; Gary Wortman; Heather Young; our healthcare workers; our military men and women; Family & Friends of Alton "Heavy" Manske; Family & Friends of Michael Worman; Family & Friends of Raymond Lee; Family & Friends of Pastor Jean Kloss; and Family & Friends of Pastor Paul Johnson.



WE ALSO PRAYED IN DECEMBER FOR OUR HOME AND NURSING HOME BOUND MEMBERS: Audrey Baker, Joan Danielson, Bob Everitt; Grace Kastenschmidt, Ruby Knudson, Audrey Mades, Yvonne Meyer, Rusty & Bernice Opland, Ron & Mary Phillips, Chauncey & Mary Stetzer, and Eloise Thum.

If there is someone that should be added to the prayer list or taken off the list, please let the church office know.

GOD'S WORD EACH WEEK

You are encouraged to read the Bible each week.
Below are the Sunday readings for this month.
Set aside personal or family time to read each week.

01/07	Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11
01/14	1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51
01/21	Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:5-12; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20
01/28	Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28

Below: The Confirmation students help serve and clean-up at the 12/13/2023, Wednesday Advent Supper.



Below: Jason Knipe was our lay-leader on 12/17/2023.



Below: Lighting of the 1st Sunday of Advent candle on 12/03/2023.



Left: Lighting of the 2nd Sunday of Advent candle on 12/10/2023.



Birthdays

Jan 1	Matthew Opland Sapphire Osley - 10
Jan 2	Bill Timm Bethany Johnsrud
Jan 3	Chauncey Stetzer Emma Severson - 17
Jan 4	Sandy Freng Linda Knudtson
Jan 5	Ron Moore
Jan 6	Kevin Christopherson
Jan 7	Trisha Young
Jan 9	Karen Kirchner
Jan 10	Karen Knutson
Jan 11	Barb Drogseth Ryan Glennie Harper Tracey - 14
Jan 12	Jerome Nelson Russell Van Riper Steven Spangler
Jan 14	Cindy Adamson Shay Oefstedahl - 15
Jan 15	Jesse Wanie
Jan 16	Debbie Salek Joanne Mashak Jonas Weindorfer - 18
Jan 18	Brianna Kovacevich Jessica Kovacevich
Jan 19	Daisy Raymer Pa Nia Xiong Rhett Opland - 3
Jan 20	Aries Wharton - 11
Jan 21	Darrell Hein
Jan 24	Emmitt Weiker
Jan 25	Bob Everitt - 102
Jan 26	Chad Severson
Jan 27	Bob Sbraggia

Birthdays cont'd

Jan 28	Alice Baumer David Pfaff Alexander Pfaff
Jan 30	James Wharton - 10
Jan 31	Lexi Young

Bolded names are members celebrating an 80th Birthday or above. Let's shower them with birthday cards on their special day.



In Memoriam

Jan 2, 2013	Ernest Baker
Jan 5, 2020	Steve Gabrielson
Jan 6, 2023	Jeff Euler
Jan 15, 2005 Jan 15, 2015	James Olson Leona Moore
Jan 23, 2022	Ray Beaser
Jan 25, 2020 Jan 25, 2023	Don Heidel Edris Storandt

Please let the church office know if a name or date is incorrect or if someone needs to be added. The information is from the church records and all the records are not complete.

Anniversaries




Baptismal Anniversaries

Jan	Nicole Zasadzinski Heather Loken
Jan 1	Gloria Beaser Nancy Opland
Jan 2	William Pfaff
Jan 3	Beth McRae
Jan 4	Johanna Wanie Neil Sigdel Nora Sigdel
Jan 7	Jessica Peterson
Jan 8	Aaron Opland Suzann Paisley Ethan Christianson Cora Schlifer
Jan 9	Brian Haag Zach Hanson
Jan 10	Lucas Hanson
Jan 11	Aksel Oefstedahl
Jan 12	Tucker Sbraggia Maverick Hansen
Jan 13	Ethan Kastenschmidt
Jan 15	Maya Sbraggia Grace Lundt
Jan 16	Carol Paisley
Jan 22	Jerome Nelson
Jan 26	David Gabrielson Mona Van Riper
Jan 28	Brad Pfaff

Baptismal Anniversaries

Jan 29 Kimberly Schlifer
Matthew Opland

Baptism is a gift God has freely given for all.
Celebrate your Baptismal Anniversary by taking a relaxing bubble bath or using water any other way you enjoy it.

Wedding Anniversaries

Jan 12 Aaron & Anne Stetzer



LEWIS VALLEY WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Lewis Valley Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and each other, to grow in faith, fellowship and love.

We offer opportunities for the community to experience the grace of God and respond in Christian commitment.

Date	Lectors	H.C. Servers	Coffee Fellowship	Ushers
01/07	Jason Knipe	Brenda Severson	Kay Timm	Steve & Kay Timm
01/14	Cathy Gabrielson	_____	Debbie Thrower	John & Ivy Endris
01/21	Carol Taylor	Carol Taylor	Jean Thompson	Jean Thompson Jane Brockway
01/28	Dave/Becky Whalen	10am svc on 28th	Mona Van Riper	Brian Haag, Bill Timm

IF YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO SERVE in any capacity at worship, and cannot make it, please switch with someone else on that volunteer list.

Lewis Valley Lutheran Income & Expenses	
<i>November Income:</i>	\$6,439.19
<i>November Expenses:</i>	\$5,047.56
145 active, confirmed members	



**JANUARY
COMMUNION SET UP-**
Karen Knutson, Kay Timm

ALTAR COLORS -
Jan 7: White
Jan 14, 21, 28: Green

DECEMBER FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 12/24/2023

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$2,865.00
Sunday Loose Offering	\$33.00
Electronic Giving	\$1,910.00
PayPal Giving.....	\$705.00
Holiday Services	<u>\$931.00</u>
Total Giving	\$6,444.00

MINDORO WORSHIP

MISSION STATEMENT: Mindoro Lutheran Church is committed to reaching toward God and to each other, to grow together in faith, fellowship and love.

Date	Lectors	H.C. Servers	Acolytes	Coffee Fellowship
01/07	Kay Brown	Debbie Salek	_____	Needed
01/14	Anthony Hernandez Mary Sinclair	_____	Brayden Wanie	Needed
01/21	Harper Tracey	Debbie Peterson	Harper Tracey	Needed
01/28	Diana Hansen	8:30am svc on 28th	_____	Needed

Date	Head Ushers	Ushers
01/07	Rick Dobbs	Justin Koss, Tim Tracey
01/14	Brian Schlifer	Justin Koss, Tim Tracey
01/21	Jim Hines	Mike Jostad, Aaron Opland
01/28	Bill Cox	Mike Jostad, Aaron Opland



**JANUARY
COMMUNION SET UP-**
Beth McRae, Amber Yanske

ALTAR COLORS -
Jan 7: White
Jan 14, 21, 28: Green

Mindoro Lutheran Income & Expenses	
<i>November Income:</i>	\$6,928.29
<i>November Expenses:</i>	\$7,132.16
238 active, confirmed members	

Rusty Opland has moved to be close to Bernice. His **new address** is:
c/o Mary Crest Assisted Living
401 S Water Street, Rm 111
Sparta WI 54656
Phone: 608-269-3956

DECEMBER FINANCIAL GIVING THROUGH 12/24/2023

Sunday Envelope Offering	\$3,605.00
Sunday Loose Offering.....	\$120.00
Electronic Giving	\$3085.00
Holiday Services.....	<u>\$1,973.00</u>
Total Giving	\$8,783.00